

THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Saturday Morning, Nov. 30. 1867.

TO ADVERTISERS.

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TO AGENTS.

Settlements of accounts will be required monthly, or the supply of papers will be discontinued. The daily and weekly issues will be furnished at the lowest cash rates, and no exception will in future be made to this rule.

NANAIMO AGENCY.

Mr H. W. Alexander is no longer authorized to act as Agent of this paper at Nanaimo. Our business at that place will in future be conducted by Mr S. D. LeVie, who is alone empowered to receipt for subscriptions, &c.

Our Postal Arrangements.

The owners of the steamship California, having been handsomely compensated for a long time back for carrying our mails between San Francisco and Victoria, appear disposed to treat the Colony in anything but a generous spirit. The subsidy heretofore paid them having been discontinued, they announce by telegraph that they intend to give Victoria the "go-by"—to sail to Port Townsend, Seattle, Steilacoom and Olympia, and we presume (although the dispatch does not so state) to touch at Victoria after having called at all those places. Nothing is said about the Colonial mails, and it is safe to conjecture that they will remain at San Francisco. Admiral Hastings having made arrangements for the carriage of the Naval mail by the Company, will receive it via Port Townsend. We feel that we cannot condemn too strongly the course adopted by Holladay & Brenham, the owners of the line. They can have little or no freight and but few passengers for ports on the Sound, and their only object in going there before coming here is to force this Colony into a renewal of the mail subsidy. So far as the arrangements of that firm with the Colony are concerned, they have nothing to complain of. Within a very brief period they have received \$23,000 in gold from us, and out of the very large sum paid for each trip, a liability of only \$1500 remains undischarged. The Government, we believe, offered the Company \$500 per trip, which offer, it is said, they indignantly spurned, demanding \$750 per trip from the Colonial Government in addition to the \$250 paid them by Admiral Hastings. Whether the Company are legally entitled to a single cent for the service, is a matter we leave the Government to ascertain. Certain it is, however, that upon every letter leaving this Colony for England is paid the sum of 29 cents, only five cents of which passes into the Colonial exchequer. The remaining 24 cents are paid to whom? and for what? To the Imperial Government? Then the Imperial Government is bound to make such arrangements with the Government of the United States as will compensate that power for the expense and trouble of passing the letters over their postal routes or conveying them in any of their subsidized steamers to a point nearest the point at which a subsidized English steamer touches. But if (as we suspect to be the case) one-half of the 24 cents paid by our people goes to compensate the American Government for conveying the letters through their territory or upon their mail steamers, then either the Imperial or the Colonial Government is to blame for not enforcing the terms of the arrangement. We have a dim recollection of a postal treaty between the United States and the Home Government, by the terms of which it is provided that the mails for the North American Colonies shall be carried over any mail route of the former power—either by sea or land—to the point of connection with a British mail steamer or a British post office. If such a treaty be in existence, then the colonists are entitled, upon payment of the sum additional to that charged by the Colonial Government, to have their letters carried free of every other charge over American Postal routes, and delivered to British Postal agents in North America or in Great Britain. We are strengthened in this opinion from the fact that the carriers of the mail on Puget Sound receive from the American Government \$7,000 per annum for "conveying the mail between Olympia (the terminus of the overland postal route) and Victoria," touching at certain specified "way ports." Nothing is paid by our people in addition to the ordinary postal rates for the carriage of letters to or from Canada via Puget Sound, a fact which shows that a treaty or arrangement of some kind compelling the delivery in existence. However, whether there be an arrangement of the kind between the two Governments or not, it is quite evident that our local Government has not troubled itself to inquire into the real state of the case. They have gone on from month to month meeting the exorbitant demands of Holladay & Brenham, until at last they are compelled, through their inability to meet pecuniary obligations, to ask a reduction in the rate.

This reduction the steamship owners have most ungenerously refused to accede to, and have coupled with that refusal an implied threat to pass the port in future if the subsidy be not renewed at their own figure. If we be really at the mercy of this Company—if there be no other steamer fitted for the service on the coast that can be procured—we propose a temporary renewal of the subsidy, and urge that the Colonial Government shall put itself in communication with the Home authorities to ascertain what our treaty-rights really are, and to demand that for the extra postage now paid upon every letter sent out of or received in the Colony from abroad, our mails shall be delivered here free of any extra charge or subsidy, for as the case now stands, we are absolutely paying double for our mail facilities, such as they are.

The East Coast and the Government Steamer.

EDITOR COLONIST:—I am surprised to see by your paper of yesterday morning that the Government is advertising for tenders to carry the East Coast mails. My special reason for writing on this subject is to correct a very mistaken impression which I find current, that the steamer hitherto in charge of those mails, the Sir James Douglas, has not paid her expenses. The fact is this, she has paid well; so much so that if all the work she has done had been placed to her credit, she would not only have saved the Government the expense of the mail subsidy, but would have left a balance in her favor at the end of the year. Why, therefore, should a change be asked for? Where is the ground of complaint? Further, she has done the best services to the settlements at which she calls and advantage the Victoria markets. Nearly all the Island produce has been brought up by her and but for her services, with her most obliging captain and crew, the settlements could not have been in their present advanced condition, nor be cheered with their prospects for the immediate future. If this boat be taken off a serious blow will at once be inflicted on the back-bone of our strength as a Colony. Indeed, such will be the effect that several valuable settlers will throw up their land and leave in despair. We get but little aid besides what this boat affords. If you wish to extinguish us entirely, well, take the Douglas away.

JNO. C. DAVIE, M.R.C.S.

For Whom it May Concern.

EDITORS COLONIST:—Will you have the goodness to find room for the following article from the Guelph Herald, (a Canadian paper) of Sept. 24th:

AN INDIAN MARRIAGE CASE.

A most interesting case came before the Superior Court, Montreal, a short time since. The question involved the validity of an Indian marriage celebrated in 1803 according to the original aboriginal custom, the wife being purchased by her husband, William Connolly, whose son was plaintiff in the case just decided. Connolly lived with his dusky bride for twenty-eight years, during which time she bore him ten children. In 1831, he returned to Lower Canada, bringing his family and his wife, with whom he continued to cohabit till May of the following year, when he forsook the faithful Saseana, and was united to his cousin. The neglected Indian wife forthwith returned to her native country, 1200 miles west of the Red River settlement, where she resided till her death in 1862, constantly granting her an annuity sufficient to maintain her in a convent. He treated her children with great kindness, educating and providing for them liberally and finally died in 1849. The action was brought up by the eldest son to recover a portion of his father's property, on the ground that the second marriage was illegal. The case excited great interest and the Court rendered judgment in favour of the plaintiff, thus pronouncing the first marriage legal and binding.

On this coast it is no unfrequent occurrence for a white man to give a few dollars, blankets or other *illutis* to some Indian father in exchange for one of his daughters, with whom he thenceforward cohabits, and who according to the usage of her tribe regards herself as his married wife. The result is an increase of family. In many of these cases the Indian is afterward turned adrift with her half blood children, and the heartless man allies himself with a pale face woman who regards herself as his wife and another family grows up, who, according to the above righteous decision, are illegitimate children of a bigamist, and who, as well as their mother may one day find themselves left penniless.

To white spinsters and widows, the decision of the Canadian Court says, "Look, before you leap!"

LENEX.

A YOUNG woman at Somerton, in Somersetshire, a few days since said she was bewitched, that the witch was a certain old woman in the town, and that the latter was then at home frying tonds to effect her hellish purposes over people. A number of ignorant wretches went to the old woman's residence and found her an invalid in bed. They, however, searched the house, particularly the chimney, and raked the ashes out of the grate to discover signs of her devilish cuisine, but could find nothing. The "witch" has always borne the character of a harmless old woman.

The Baroness Adolph de Rothschild takes the trouble to deny that she supplied the flowers for the decoration of General Garibaldi's apartment on his late reception at Geneva, as was erroneously reported, and that the Baroness remained entirely aloof from the proceedings connected with the reception of the General.

A FAMOUS judge came late to court. One day in busy session, Whereat his clerk, in great surprise, Inquired of him the reason, "A child was born," his honour said, "And I'm the happy sire."

"An infant, judge?" "Oh, no," said he, "As yet he's but a erior."

PROFESSOR WHITNEY says that Mount Hood is 12,400 feet high. Hood have thought it?

AN 'HONEST' CASHIER.—Not long ago the cashier of a well-known New York bank informed the directors that he wished to resign. He was supposed to be a poor man—in the comparative sense—and they asked if he could afford to resign.

'Yes,' said the cashier, 'if I could not I would not.'

'How is that? We thought you had nothing but your salary.'

'Gentlemen,' said he, perfectly cool and frank, 'I have used the money of the bank—used it liberally. But the bank has not lost anything. I saw chances, made the best of them, and returned every dollar I took. I have enough now, and want to resign. Have the books examined; you will find everything straight. It may have been wrong to use your money; but there's nothing lost, and it's not worth your while to make any trouble.'

They did not make any trouble, and the lucky cashier is now a member of the best society in New York.

A LETTER OF A MARIUS CHAPPELLE.—The following letter, written in French, was found among the late Mr Chappelle's papers: "What! shall I become a burden to my beloved spouse? What! am I to be sent among the lunatics? No! no! never! Sooner death. The all-powerful God, in taking away the intellect which he gave me, cannot punish me, if I sacrifice my body. My ideas are confused, my brain gives but a false sound. It is better that I should make use of the little reason which remains to me to put in order my affairs and to quit this world and those who are dear to me, for I shall no longer be able to appreciate the splendours of nature and the delights of friendship. Let me quit life while in my last farewells I shall still feel the tender emotions of divine intelligence and carry to my grave a last remembrance."—*San Francisco paper.*

THERE are ties which should never be severed, as the ill-used wife said when she found her brute of a husband hanging in the hay-loft.

O Men Gathered up!

HEYWOOD'S PORK SAUSAGE.

ELIXIR OF LIFE.—Mr Heywood, of the Yorkshire Market, has commenced for the season to make his celebrated Pork Sausage, manufactured from the very best of Island fed Pork—clean and pure as the snow that fell on Diana's lap—Oh, get out! Everybody buys them, because they are good. New mind, be sure and make no mistake; it is in the fire-proof Brick Store, next door to the Old Original Coffee Stand.

Heywood's New Sugar-Cured Hams and Breakfast Bacon for sale.

MARTIN LUTHER once thought he saw the devil in his chamber, and threw an inkstand at his head. Had they had in those days AYER'S PILLS to exorcise all the devils that come from a disordered stomach, his laughable fright would not have become a matter of history.

If you wish the very best CABINET PHOTOGRAPHS, you must call on BRADLEY & RUFORD, 429 Montgomery street, San Francisco.

FRED PAYNE has removed his Cheap Shaving Shop to the opposite side of Johns street, just above the Miner's Saloon.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Veneration avoided.—This Ointment is the most powerful agent for the healing of wounds, old ulcers, indolent sores, and all strumous diseases of the skin, which from local or constitutional causes, have hitherto resisted all ordinary modes of treatment. Holloway's Ointment, rubbed upon the abdomen, and aided by a judicious course of his Pills, acts miraculously on the digestion, and obviates all those obstructions in the mercurial glands, known by the palsy, attenuation, and gradually increasing weakness of the sufferer. The combined effects of Ointment and Pills are irresistible in all long continued diseases, which ever produce disarrangement of the digestion, circulation, and glandular system. Holloway's remedies are suitable for all ages and conditions, for all climates and constitutions.

FLORAL INCENSE!

The fragrance of fresh flowers is agreeable and pleasant to even the most fastidious; and in the genuine MURRAY & LANMAN'S FLORIDA WATER we have this floral fragrance in all its refreshing purity and strength. Delicate persons and invalids are greatly soothed and benefited by its use.

As there are worthless counterfeits buyers should always ask for the Florida Water prepared by Lanman & Kemp, New York.

Many Voices from California.

"My experience satisfies me that Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills are the best and only remedies for Scrofula."—S. P. HARRIS, Santa Clara.

"Bristol's Sarsaparilla has cured me of rheumatism after every thing else had failed."

P. KELLY, Sonora.

"From the first time in years I am free of sores and eruptions. I used 9 bottles of Bristol's Sarsaparilla and 5 of Pills."

J. S. JONES, Petaluma, 668.

THE BEST Remedy for Purifying the Blood, strengthening the Nerves, restoring the Lost Appetite.

FRESE'S HAMBURG TEA. It is the best preservative against almost any sickness. Used timely. Composed of herbs only, it can be given safely to infants. Full directions in English, French, Spanish, and German, with every package. TRY IT! For sale at all the wholesale and retail drug stores and groceries.

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New Advertisements.

Pro Bono Publico.

THE LARGEST! THE FATTIST! THE BEST! Oysters in town are served up by LEVY.

At the Arcade Oyster Rooms.

Protectionists, Attention!

HEYWOOD'S NEW INLAND-CURED HAM, with the Freshest of Island Eggs, are to be had, at any hour of the day or night, at the

ARCADE OYSTER & COFFEE ROOMS

Make no mistake in the house. The two-story Brick, 4th door from Johnson, on Government street.

no30 1w

New Advertisements.

BARTHOLOMEW'S

Great Western Circus

GRAND

Afternoon Performance!

THIS DAY,

SATURDAY, NOV. 30.

Commencing at 1 1/2 o'clock,

FOR THE ACCOMMODATION OF

Families and Schools!

Seats may be secured from 11 a.m. till 12 m. no30

J. B. SERE

DEGS TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE WILL open a Store, this day, November 30, at the ROYAL EXCHANGE BUILDING, on Government street, for the sale of his own produce, consisting of Vegetables, Potatoes, Fruit, Fresh Eggs, Butter, Milk, Poultry, Chickens, Turkeys and Ducks; also, Chicken Feed, Oats, &c. All goods delivered free of charge. no30 1m

GOOD INVESTMENT.

To be disposed of, the Lease, &c., OF THE

ROYAL STANDARD SALOON,

Corner of Yates and Government sts.

THE UNDERSIGNED, IN CONSEQUENCE of his engagement in Coal Mining, offers for sale his Lease and Interest in the Royal Standard Saloon, with the Furniture, Fittings, Liquors, &c. This Saloon is now admirably and tastefully fitted up, and is one of the best business stands in Victoria. Apply on the premises to the proprietor, C. HOUNSLOW. no30*

LIQUORS.

SHERRY—Fine Pale, in Cask

MOSELLE—Delicious Sparkling, in case, pint and quart bottles

RHENISH WINE—Hochheimer, Destrict, Rheinhall, in case

BRANDY—Martell, Otard, Jules Robin, &c., in cask

HOLLANDS GIN—in cask and case

OLD TOM—Bernard's, in cask and case

For sale by

J. Robertson Stewart.

November 23, 1867. n 29 1m

BARTHOLOMEW'S

GREAT WESTERN

CIRCUS!

WILL APPEAR ON

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 29 and 30,

Corner Government and Fort streets,

With a Stud of the best Trained Horses on the Coast!

THREE HIGHLY TRAINED PONEYS!

Acknowledged to be the best on the Continent.

ALSO, A FULL COMPANY OF

MALE AND FEMALE PERFORMERS!

The Arabian Pony Zebra!

The most Elegantly Marked and Colored Horse in the World.

The Talented Pony Napoleon!

The Great and Barred Ascension Pony

LEOPARD!

See Programmes and Posters.

LOOK AT LIST OF PERFORMERS!

Ned Ward,

Major General Silas,

SMALLEST MAN IN THE WORLD!

In his Great Performance.

MR NELSON,

Trick and Performing Clown.

Miss Matild,

The Graceful Equestrienne.

Master Noah,

Juvenile Bare-Back Rider.

Chas. Reed,

Celebrated Contortionist.

George Bartholomew,

Daring Bare-Back Rider.

Charley Graham,

Shakespearian Clown and Jester

Mr Wm. Franklin,

The Great Somersault Rider.

The Performance concluding each evening with a laughable afterpiece.

ADMISSION, SE; CHILDREN, 50c.

Doors open at 7; performance will commence at half past 7 o'clock

See Posters and Programmes. no28

THEATRE ROYAL.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,

Rear Admiral the Hon G F Hastings, CB,

AND THE

Officers of H.M. Fleet.

The second performance of the season by the

VICTORIA AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB

Assisted by

Mrs JENNY ARNOT (Fowls),

Who has kindly volunteered her services,

Miss Lizzie Yeoman,

Miss Sarah J. von Altman

And the

MARSH FAMILY,

Will be given

On Tuesday Evening, Dec. 3d, 1867,

IN AID OF THE FUNDS OF THE

Victoria Royal Hospital.

The entertainment will comprise Brougham's dramatized version of Dickens' work called

DAVID COPPERFIELD!

And the favorite Farce, in two acts, by the Rev. J. Town-

ley, of

HIGH LIFE BELOW STAIRS!

Prices of Admission—Boxes, \$10; Reserved Seats, \$1

60; Unreserved, \$1; 1st, 60c.

The Box Office will be open on Monday and Tuesday,

when tickets may be secured.

The performance will commence at 8 o'clock; doors

open at 7.30. no28

New Advertisements.

Bank of British Columbia.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER)

CAPITAL \$500,000, IN 25,000 SHARES

OF £20 EACH,

WITH POWER TO INCREASE.

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National Provincial Bank of England,

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IN IRELAND.

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IN CANADA.

Bank of Montreal.

IN NEW YORK.

Messrs. R. Bell and G. Gundry.

IN SOUTH AMERICA.

London Bank of Mexico and South American.

The Bank grants Letters of Credit on its Branches at

San Francisco, in California; Portland in Oregon; and

Victoria, in British Columbia; and similar credits are

granted by the British Linen Company, the United Bank

of France, the North and South Wales Bank in Liverpool,

and the Bank of Liverpool.

The Bank also purchases or forwards for collection

drafts on the above Colonies.

Money is received by the Bank on deposit for fixed

periods, of not less than a twelvemonth, at five per cent

interest, payable quarterly. The terms for other periods

may be ascertained on application to the Bank.

Statement of Liabilities and Assets at

Saturday Morning, Nov. 30, 1867.

Auction Sales To-day.

P. M. BACKUS.....Wharf street.....will sell, at 11 o'clock, Miner's Tools, Crockery, &c.

By Electric Telegraph

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST

LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES

Eastern States.

RICHMOND, Nov. 24—The trial of Jeff Davis will commence on Monday. There is no intention of postponement. Government has summoned Gen. Lee as a witness.

Europe.

LONDON, Nov. 24—Demonstrations of sympathy with the Fenians executed to-day. A procession of about 2000 slowly marched through Hyde Park. A conspicuous object in the procession was a black banner, inscribed "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." A solemn meeting was organized and addressed by various speakers. The hurried execution at Manchester was condemned in bitter terms. Good order prevailed throughout. A similar meeting was held in a public hall and was perfectly quiet.

Col. Burrell, a prominent Fenian leader, was arrested to-day as an alleged agent of an expedition for the pretended capture of the Castle of Chester, last February.

PARIS, Nov. 24—Despatches from Rome announce that the Pope, in accordance with the advice of France, had ordered the release of the Garibaldian prisoners.

Transports were sent to Civita Vecchia to bring back one division of the French troops.

FLORENCE, Nov. 24—It is reported that Garibaldi is seriously ill in prison at Varese. His sons have both hurried to his bedside with medical aid.

Journals of this city deny the reports that Italy is about to raise a new loan.

LONDON, Nov. 25—Much excitement was manifested among the Fenians yesterday in the great cities of England and in Ireland; crowds of Irish congregated on the street corners of Manchester, Birmingham and Dublin, and freely canvassed the recent executions. Although some intemperate demonstrations were made, there were no riotous disturbances, and everything is now quiet.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 25—It is reported that Kelly, who was rescued at Manchester, was recaptured from the City of Paris, at Queenstown. He had disguised himself and taken passage for New York.

BELFAST, Nov. 24—There have been several formidable bread riots recently, but all have been suppressed, and the city is now quiet.

BARTHOLOMEW'S CIRCUS.—The Great Western Circus opened last evening to an overflowing tent. There could not have been less than 650 persons present, and the performances were of a character to merit the warmest praise. The vanishing of the company, as well as their riding, was greatly admired. The two clowns—Nelson and Graham—kept the audience in a roar of laughter, while the oddities of General Silas, who is said to be the smallest man in the world, were particularly pleasing. A noteworthy feature connected with this troupe is the performance of the wonderful trick ponies, which seem gifted with all the faculties of human beings with the exception of that of speech. Mr Bartholomew, Mr Franklin, Miss Matild, Mr Noah, and Mr Reed, acquitted themselves splendidly. The circus will be open again this afternoon and this evening, and we advise our readers to attend and behold the wonders that Professor Bartholomew has prepared for them.

THE ISABEL.—It is proposed to subsidize Capt. Stamp's steamer and send her to San Francisco after the mails, freight and passengers. A very slight alteration would enable this fine steamer to carry 50 passengers and 150 or 200 tons of freight. The vessel might be made to pay well on the route until a larger boat could be procured from England. Give her, say, a subsidy of \$750 per trip—\$500 by the Colony and \$250 by the Admiralty. The idea is a good one, and will, we hope, be carried out. The country should not be suffered to stand still because the California, Oregon and Mexico Steamship Company says it must. Let us henceforth declare our independence of all such monopolies and try to help ourselves.

THERE is a large quantity of freight at Portland awaiting shipment to this port by steamer. The Fideliter having been hauled off for repairs, the Hudson Bay Company might find it profitable to send the Otter around.

The steamer Isabel returned from Burrard Inlet yesterday morning.

Mrs. Stowe.—This itinerant clairvoyant lecturer left on the Eliza Anderson for Puget Sound on Thursday. She found Victoria an ungenial atmosphere for the proper manipulation of spiritual subjects, and, besides, she had exhausted the stock of lectures which she had committed to memory. It would be curious to learn the effect of her prescriptions upon the dupes who applied to her for relief.

THE SMUGGLING CASE.—The trial upon the charge of smuggling, brought by the Customs' authorities against the owner of the schooner Gazelle, will commence on Tuesday, before the Chief Justice. The Gazelle has been in the possession of the Government for some months. The charge is that she was used in smuggling liquor to the mainland.

TOWED DOWN.—The Isabel yesterday towed down from Burrard Inlet the French bark Nantaise and Cleole, bound for Callao with lumber.

THE ENTERPRISE, with 20 passengers and 40 tons of freight, sailed for the river yesterday morning.

THE time for receiving tenders for supplies for the Royal Squadron on this station, expires to-day.

THE Paper Hunt comes off to-day, at 1½ o'clock, sharp, from the Gorge; don't forget it.

THE FIDELITER.—This steamer will have new boilers put in at Portland, and will not return here for some weeks.

THERE were no cases before the Police Magistrate yesterday.

THE EXQUISITE DRESSES, Flowers, Wreaths and Fancy Goods, suitable for evening wear, to be seen this week in the windows of the London House, Government street, remind one by their beauty of Regent street or Broadway. A great part of these goods were received from Europe by last Express, and are of precisely the same style as now being worn in Paris and London. *

The Rodman Gun.

[From the Army and Navy Gazette.]

May there never be any practical comparison of the American and British ordnance systems say we, whatever Mr Seward may try to do. Let us, however, have a peaceful experiment or two by all means, if it be only to stop the mouths of the gentlemen across the Atlantic, which are almost as wide, and make as much noise as their own very big, but apparently not very effective, ordnance. Let them have their heart's desire, and the decent dose of No. 7 powder for the 15 inch gun, which is all they need to make them quite happy. But first let us disabuse our fair cousins of a tremendous delusion, if they will be disabused. The success or failure of their 15 inch gun against the 8 inch armour and Warrior backing could not in the least degree affect our British guns, for the simple reason that with much lighter guns we can readily pierce the target which their guns has not pierced with the ordinary service charge of their service powder—not the mammoth powder this time, if you please. They seem to think their gun pierced the 8 inch plate. It neither did so, nor did it "crack" the target in such a way as to prove destructive to it had it been the part of the defence of a ship aloft. Now, the Americans say they can easily get, as is proved by official experiment, an initial velocity of 1,500 feet per second out of their 15 inch gun, whereas the Shoeburyness trial got only 1,210 feet per second; and as the *vis viva* increases with the square of the velocity, they contend that, had the gun been fired "with its proper charge of powder" (whatever that may be), the effect on the target would have been 63 per cent greater than it was, and that not only would the Warrior but the Hercules target, backing and all, have gone whistling down the wind a prey to cast iron. They characterise the comments in the Press here on their gun as mere supposition, and speak of the report in the *Times* as Billingsgate. "If," says the *Army and Navy Journal* of New York, "our facts be doubted, we advise our British friends to examine the official records in this country. If our figures are incorrect, we shall be obliged if anybody will have the goodness to expose their error. But if both facts and figures are correct, then the commentary of the whole British Press on the late trial is mere stupidity. We now advise the British authorities to fire the 15 inch smooth-bore with a charge of 83½ lbs of the same English powder used on the first trial. This, as we have shown in former articles, is equal to 100 lbs. of 'mammoth powder,' the charge used without difficulty in this country in the 15 inch gun."

We trust we shall soon be able to oblige our friends with a faithful if not satisfactory report. They need not be unhappy as to the results of our pernicious habit of appropriating all the good things discovered in America ("like the Monitors" (poor Captain Cowper Coles!), or, "our heavy gun carriages, which they stole" ("stop thief," Captain Scott and the rest of you), "without which they would now be popping away Monitors with 68 pounders," for we are quite certain we will never cap our iniquities by running off with their dearly-loved soda-water bottles, *en bloc et en masse*, though we are quite willing to admit their great excellence in the manufacture of what they call "a big chunk of iron with a hole in it," and to assert it has greater merits than our wrought iron, men are willing to acknowledge. Will Colonel Wilnot try the gun or they will continue to take on dreadfully, and will end in claiming a great victory? Since the above was written we have heard that the American gun has been tried this week with "the decent dose," and that the initial velocity has been proved to be less than that of the "old 68 pounder" with the usual service charges. We presume, therefore, that the American gun has stood the "mammoth" charges of service powder, and that the target has not been destroyed, and we will take care to give our American friends full intelligence next week on all points to ease their minds.

WESTERNISMS.—Albert D. Richardson, in his recent book on *The West*, gives an indefinite number of characteristic stories, like these:

At Mesilla the public records and legal proceedings were in Spanish. A Kentuckian was brought before alcaide or magistrate for assault and battery. The native judge, with shaggy beard, uncombed hair and dirty face, appeared on the bench in a soiled calico shirt and buckskin sandals. He knew no English. Sternly motioning the Kentuckian to rise, he ordered the sheriff to ask the prisoner whether he spoke Spanish.

"Nary Spanish."

"Then," said the alcaide, "he must hire an interpreter."

The delinquent, shifting his tobacco quid to the other cheek, replied:

"Ask him whether this court is sitting in Mexico or the United States?"

"In the United States!" responded the angry official.

"Then tell him that I understand the United States language, and if he don't I'll see him — before I hire an interpreter for him."

The Territorial Legislature of 1859 was a more reputable body than that of the previous year. Still one of the Representatives, originally from Indiana, in recording himself a physician, transcribed very promptly the letters 'p-h-i-s-i'—then hesitated a moment, and at last, turning to a bystander, asked in all seriousness:

"Do you spell physician 'tion,' or 'sion'?"

At a creek crossing a little tent beside our road is labeled 'grocery' in enormous letters. With keen appetite we ask the melancholy merchant, who, in green spectacles, is sleeping soundly between two whiskey barrels.

"Have you any crackers?"

"Nary cracker."

"Any bread?"

"Any what?"

"Bread."

"No, sir, (indignantly) I don't keep a bakery."

"Any ham?"

"No."

"Any figs?"

"No."

"Well, what have you?"

"Well, I have sardines, pickled oysters, smoking tobacco; and, stranger, I have got some of the best whisky you ever seen since you was born."

A CANADIAN boy, in the quiet town of St. Catharines, had been punished by his father with solitary confinement for lying. He showed on his release that he had been employing his time in theological reflections instead of using it for self-mortification. He asked his father:

"Pa, did you tell lies when you were little?"

"The father, perhaps conscience smitten, endeavored to evade the question. But the child persisted.

"Did you tell lies when you were little?"

"Well, no," said the father, "but why do you ask?"

"Did ma tell lies when she was little?"

"I don't know, my son; you must ask her?"

"Well, retorted the hopeful, "one of you must have told lies, or you could not have had a boy that would do it."

NEW WINTER FASHIONS.—Received by steamer at VICTORIA HOUSE, direct from Paris the *Latest Novelties in Ladies' Trimmed Bonnets and Hats, Girls' and Infants' Hats and Bonnets, Genoa Velvets, Bismarck and other new Silks, Flowers and Feathers, Kid Gloves, Black and Colored Velvet Ribbons, etc., etc.*

An efficient French Milliner has also just arrived from Paris to assist in the Millinery Department.

Auction Sales.

J. P. Davies & Co

AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS. Salesroom Fireproof Stone Building, Wharf Street near Yates.

Cash advances made on Consignments. 411

NOTICE.

In connection with our Real Estate business, we have had made, by competent Surveyors, two large Maps, each 6 feet square, of the City of Victoria together with the Suburban Property, &c., &c.; also, a large Map of Esquimalt and the surrounding Property. 425

MONDAY

Groceries, AND Provisions.

J. P. DAVIES & Co.

WILL SELL

AT SALESROOM

WHARF STREET,

Monday, Dec. 2d,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.,

Cases Bacon, Hams, Shoulders
Boxes Blacking, Blue
Cases Coal Oil, Marine Soap
Dried Apples and Peaches
China Rice, Havana Cigars
Sandwich Island Sugar
Potted Chickens, Potted Vegetables
&c., &c., &c.

no30

J. P. DAVIES, Auctioneer.

Auction Sales.

Preliminary Notice.

Christmas Presents!

P. M. BACKUS will sell, on TUESDAY, the 17th December, at 11 o'clock, at his Salesroom, Wharf street, Annals, Souvenirs, Toys, Jewelry, Fine English Watches, Silks in great variety and beautiful patterns, Cambric and Silk Handkerchiefs, &c., &c. no29

MINER'S TOOLS, &c.

P. M. BACKUS

Will sell by Auction,

THIS DAY

Saturday, Nov. 30th,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.,

AT SALESROOM

Wharf Street,

A lot of Miner's Tools, Blacksmith's Bellows, and a lot of Crockery, Blinds, Doors, &c. no30

In the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of Vancouver Island, B.C.

IN CHANCERY.

Mason and Assignee of Balls versus Rowland and others.

Pursuant to an order of the Chief Justice Needham, made in the above cause,

WILL BE SOLD,

BY AUCTION.

BY

P. M. BACKUS

AT SALESROOM

Wharf Street,

On Thursday, Dec 12

AT 12 O'CLOCK, M.,

The fee simple of Town Lot No. 101, having a frontage of feet on Rae street, with feet in depth, and also the substantial Brick Buildings thereon, consisting of two Dwelling Houses, each containing 8 rooms. On the basement there are parlors, sitting-rooms, kitchen and sculleries, and on the upper story four bedrooms in each house, wash sinks and other necessary offices are attached; as also a cistern for receiving rain water and for distribution, and a well of good spring water in the yard.

The houses were built at considerable expense, and are well finished, being brick partitions dividing the principal rooms, are all of which hard finished.

The premises may be viewed on application to Mr Baker, in charge thereon, and the conditions of sale and other particulars known on application to the Plaintiff's Solicitor in the cause,

ROBERT BISHOP,

no28

Bastion street, Victoria.

Real Estate

Mortgagee's Sale

P. M. BACKUS

Has been instructed to sell

AT SALESROOM

Wharf Street,

Tuesday, Dec. 17th,

AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON,

The following Property:

THE LEASE OF

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground situate in the town of Victoria, being a portion of Town Lot Number One Hundred and Sixty-four [164], and commencing at the southeast corner of Government and Yates streets, and from thence running south and fronting thirty-seven feet on Government street; thence east seventy-seven feet; thence north thirty-seven feet to Yates street; and thence west seventy-seven feet along the side of Yates street to the place of beginning, with the buildings and erections now thereon.

Terms and particulars will be given on the day of sale. no26

CODFISH.

6,000 LBS. NORTH COAST DRY SALT Codfish, this Summer catch, For sale by E. B. MARVIN, Wharf street.

UNDERTAKING.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING A complete stock on hand, is now prepared to execute any order thereon, on the shortest notice and on the most reasonable terms.

The Trade supplied. R. LEWIS

New Advertisements.

To Visitors from California, Oregon, the Sound, &c.

AT

VICTORIA HOUSE,

CORNER OF FORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS,

VICTORIA, V.I.,

Will always be found a Large and Choice Assortment of

Dress Goods, Mantles, Millinery, Flowers, Laces, &c

At very Moderate Prices, and of the Latest Styles, the Goods being imported from Europe by Express Monthly.

The usual Assortment of Staple Goods, such as:

White & Printed Calicos, Flannels, Linens, Blankets, Ticking, &c., &c.,

Also on Hand in Great Variety.

Wm. DENNY, Manager.

BEST CLOTHING STORE, OPPOSITE POST OFFICE,

W. WILSON'S.

CLOTHING

[—AND—]

UNDERCLOTHING

BEST VALUE, BEST QUALITY, LARGEST ASSORTMENT RECEIVED LAST STEAMER.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

MESSRS FELL & CO.

Beg to inform their friends and the public in general that they have taken the Store lately occupied by Messrs WILSON & MURRAY, into which they have removed.

They take this opportunity of thanking their old customers for their liberal support, and to solicit that of those who have dealt with Messrs WILSON & MURRAY, assuring them that every effort will be made (by keeping an assortment of all the choicest articles that can be obtained) to rival the best Groceries on the Pacific coast, and to prove themselves worthy of patronage.

All Goods, whether for the Royal Navy, at Esquimalt, or any part of the City or Suburbs, will be promptly delivered FREE OF COST.

An abundant supply of

FRESH EGGS AND BUTTER

received every week from the outlying districts.

FELL & COMPANY,

Tea, Coffee and Spice Merchants and General Grocers, FORT STREET.

no7

Schr. "Alpha"

By Auction,

Tuesday, Dec. 3d

AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON.

WILL BE SOLD.

BY THE MARSHAL IN ADMIRALTY,

ON BOARD,

At the Jetty adjoining Kavanagh's Wharf,

The Schr Alpha,

As she now lies in harbor, 58 tons register, 74 feet length, 19 feet beam 6 feet hold, with Sails and Rigging in good order; 2 Anchors and Chains, 1 Boat and Scull, 1 Compass, Barrels, lot Tools, Clock, 2 Stoves and lot Cooking Utensils. no27

IMPORTANT TO DEALERS AND CONSUMERS OF THE SAINSEVAIN WINE BITTERS!

In ordering WINE BITTERS, be sure you ask for the SAINSEVAIN WINE BITTERS manufactured by JEREMIAH & SONS, V. SAN FRANCISCO, for inferior kinds are often substituted. Observe the YELLOW LABEL, and see that the name of JEREMIAH & SONS is on the WRAPPER, LABEL and STAMP.

This most DELICIOUS WINE can be had from the principal Wine Merchants and Liquor Dealers, throughout the State. no8 3m2p

Oil Cloth.

MICHAEL NARN & CO'S "COTTON Oil Cloth, just received For sale by

no10 JANION, GREEN & RHODES

Scotch Oatmeal.

BEST SCOTCH OATMEAL, IN 25 AND 28 lb. Tins For sale by

no19 JANION, GREEN & RHODES.

Lee & Perrin's Sauce.

SOLE AGENTS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA, JANION, GREEN & RHODES.

Ind Coope & Co's India Pale Ale,

OF VERY SUPERIOR QUALITY. For sale by

no19 JANION, GREEN & RHODES.

Marian's XXX Ale,

IN BOTTLES, IN FINE ORDER. For sale by

no19 JANION, GREEN & RHODES.

Boiled Linseed Oil

IN DRUMS For sale by

no19 JANION, GREEN & RHODES.

Plaster of Paris.

FOR SALE BY JANION, GREEN & RHODES.

Cheap Meat!

—AT THE—

PANDORA MARKET,

GOVERNMENT STREET.

GEORGE MANUEL

HAVING OPENED the above Market, is prepared to sell Meats of the best quality

Cheaper than any other Shop in Victoria

Beef 12½ to 15 cents per lb., and Mutton 12½ to 15 cents per lb. and Other Meats in proportion in putting them

NAVY M

FAMILIES, HOTELS, and all who send post free on application, three doors from St. JERED CARRIAGE FREE.

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